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ELY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

"Etheldreda House"
ELY, Cambs.
22nd November, 1948.

To: The Chairman and Members,
Ely Urban District Council.

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year ending 31st December 1946.

1. STATISTICS: During 1946 the usual statistics have been kept and are available. These are not included in my report, according to instructions.

2. GENERAL HEALTH SERVICES:

a. Ambulances. i. Infectious Cases - Motor Ambulance owned by the Joint Isolation Hospital Committee.

ii. Non-infectious Cases.
A. Motor Ambulance for Ely Urban and Rural cases stationed at the Urban Council's Depot Barton Road.

B. Motor Ambulance at Littleport. This is the property of the St. John Ambulance Brigade and is run and manned by members of the Littleport Divisions of St. John. It is available for civil cases of illness or injury.

Excellent work has been done throughout the year by these vehicles.

b. Nursing and Clinic Arrangements. - These are materially the same as in previous years, and very little comment is necessary here.

c. Isolation Hospital. - Staffing difficulties have continued but an efficient service has been maintained throughout the year.

3. WATER.

a. The supply for Ely, including Stuntney, Adelaide, Prickwillow and Chettisham is obtained from three wells at the Council's Waterworks at Isleham. The three boreholes have given a supply adequate for the needs of the locality, including the R.A.F. Hospital and P.O.W. Camps.

b. i. The Chloramine Plant has been in use continually and has proved satisfactory. The chloramine process permits of the treatment of the water at the source.

3. WATER (Cont.)

ii. No chemical analyses were made during the year.

iii. Four bacteriological examinations were made during the twelve months under review (from distribution points and from the borehole). These all proved satisfactory.

iv. The water has no plumbo-solvent action.

v. No contamination in any form was discovered during the year.

vi. 96% of the dwelling houses in the area are supplied with water direct from public water mains.
4% of the dwelling houses in the area are supplied by stand-pipe.
It is estimated that the percentage of the population supplied approximates to the figures given above for houses.

4. SEWAGE. There have been no further extensions to the existing plant.

5. HOUSING.

a. No.3 Housing Site, lying between Fieldside and West End, for 88 houses, has been acquired, and plans have been drawn up and approved.
Land has also been acquired for 28 houses at Prickwillow and 14 houses at Stuntney, and plans are under consideration for these sites now.

b. As usual, with the assistance of the Sanitary Inspector, I keep a careful watch on the whole housing problem. Action is taken as necessary to deal with statutory nuisances.
The Urban Council fully appreciates the gravity and urgency of the housing crisis, and every possible effort is being made to cope with this.

6. SCHOOLS.

I have no reason to modify any remarks contained in previous reports.

7. MILK SUPPLY.

a. Cowsheds: Greater co-operation from cowkeepers would result in a much higher standard being maintained, but I regret that this co-operation is sadly lacking in a number of cases.
Once again I must draw attention to Mr.B.Lee's farm on the Lynn Road, Ely, which is excellent.

8. INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

a. 25 notifications of infectious deseases were received. There was no predominating type of infectious disease among these notifications. The incidence is a good deal lower than in the immediate past, which is satisfactory.

b. Disinfection of premises, etc., is regularly carried out in cases of notifiable disease; also, when infection is reported, or requests are received for any special reasons. Clothing and bedding are disinfected at the Joint Isolation Hospital.

c. The arrangements for the treatment of scabies cases which were made with Wisbech in 1944 are still maintained. The incidence of this disease is at a very low level in the area.

d. Tuberculosis: 9 new cases were notified during the year. After making necessary adjustments, there are now the following numbers on the Register:-

	Respiratory.	Non-Respiratory.
Male.	13.	11.
Female.	3.	6.

Compared with 1945, the increase in the total number of cases on the Register is 7, made up as follows:-

	Respiratory.	Non-Respiratory.
Male.	2.	3.
Female.	-	2.

I have the honour to be,
Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

(Sgd.) K.S.MAURICE-SMITH,

Medical Officer of Health.